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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 29 September 2009 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:
- a) ☐ entered.
  - b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
  - c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
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  - d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
  - e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

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